

# The Grizzly



Winter  
1997

## Grizzly football

falls short of  
last year's  
achievements.

The theater  
season opens  
with *Nunsense*





### **Grizzly spotlight**

Zach Willamson walks from the Student Union to the 200 Building trick or treating on Halloween with all the kids from the Educare Center.  
Photo by Justin Hayworth





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The drama students' first play of the year, *Nunsense*, is a big hit with students and the local community.



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President of the United States Bill Clinton stopped off in Wichita Nov. 17 for the dedication of Cessna's 21st St. Training Center.



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After making it to the Valley of the Sun Bowl last year, the Grizzlies had a down season, losing in the first round of the Jayhawk Conference playoffs.

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Mens and womens cross country runners race for pride and national recognition in Levelland, Texas, at the 1997 NJCAA National Cross Country Championships.

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*On the Cover, Kaylon Price breaks a tackle and gains some extra yards against Fort Scott. Photo by Justin Hayworth*



Tara Cannata (left)  
sings to Christina  
Schramm (right) about  
the power of lilacs.





# Sisters with soul

When a spoiled batch of soup sends many of the sisters of Hoboken to meet their maker, those remaining don't grieve in the normal way. No, these sisters have bigger fish to fry.

In the play *Nunsense*, the sisters realize that the funeral funds for the recently departed sisters are non-existent, because they were spent on a new TV and VCR.

In a panic to give their fellow sisters the proper burial, they decide to have a talent show for the community in hopes of raising the money they needed.

The thought of nuns singing and dancing around a stage may seem weird but it worked for *Sister Act* and it certainly worked for the Butler County Community College Theater Department.

By Stephanie Ross



Tara Cannata (left) listens while Christina Schramm (right) sings a song in the first act.

Justin Hayworth

Top row, left to right, Jennifer Greb, Christina Schramm, and bottom row left to right, Tara Cannata, Brooke White, and Erin Owen all sing during the first act of *Nunsense*.



Justin Hayworth





# Tattooed tears

lying there in the chair I could tell by the look on everyone's face that I had quite a look of pain displayed on my own. As needles probed in and out of my skin I was revisited by an old flashback from when I was five, when I had to visit the doctor for a blood test where he would just prick my index finger with a needle. That is exactly the feeling I endured. At least to me it felt like I was being pricked over and over again just as I had so long ago. Pain constantly stayed with me during the process, some may even call me a wimp for thinking so, but it did hurt. However, I am proud to say that I didn't cry, I came close but I never shed one tear. I even smiled a couple of times as I watched the photographer trying to be creative. After an hour I stood to examine the finished product in the mirror. My red-irritated skin surrounded a multi-colored dragon with wings. Finally done, I walked out of the parlor still glancing at the now permanent, not-going-to-rub-off-ever, tattoo that cost me \$50, a little pain and an unforgettable experience.

**By Kristy Egbert**

**By Ella Siemers**

Whether we, as a society, realize it or not, we tend to judge people on their first appearance. A first impression is made in the first 30 seconds after we meet or see a person. What does appearance say to us? It tends to identify a person's personality, social structure, income, abilities and capabilities. It can define a person's dislikes, hobbies, background and desires.

One way that people alter their appearance is through various forms of body modification. Techniques such as body sculpting, piercing, scarification and tattooing have been used. The most common form in the United States is tattooing.

Twenty years ago there were an estimated 300 professional tattoo parlors. Today, that number has jumped to more than 4,000. A survey conducted by the Tattoo Association of America in 1994 estimated that one out of three Americans have tattoos.

"Becoming tattooed is a highly social act," writes Clinton R. Sanders, in his book *Customizing the Body: The Art and Culture of Tattooing*. "The decision to acquire a tattoo is motivated by how the recipient defines him or herself."

People who receive tattoos are generally influenced by the people around them. Either everyone in their social group had a tattoo, were getting a tattoo or were against tattoos and the recipient feels the need to rebel.

A tattoo artist related his understanding of his clients motivations to Sanders in this way: "I do see that many people get tattooed to find out again...to say, 'Who was I before I got



# MAINSTREAM REBELLION

Body art is a way that individuals express themselves in this time and age. Whether it be a tattoo, or a body piercing of some sort, people are enduring the pain and cost to sport their individualism. What parents considered rebellious and taboo in their day is now mainstream, a '90s fad.

No matter what their age, old or young, people are getting tattoos to express themselves. Butler sophomore Chris Shanklin has four tattoos on his ankles and two on his arms. "I got my tattoos from Rad-A-Tat in Manhattan, and they're the best," says Shanklin. Among his tattoos you could see Yosemite Sam, Mighty Mouse and two crosses. Along with his tattoos, he has his ears and one of his eyebrows pierced. "It sucks having something you want dragging you down when looking for a job. It is a freedom of expression; people should not judge you on appearance only," says Shanklin.

Butler freshman Denise Stutey bears a tattoo of a butterfly on the lower left side of her back. "I want to be able to cover it up when I want to, but also still be able to show it, so that's why I got it on my back," says Stutey. Stutey got her tattoo from Shadowline in Wellington for \$45. "If you can stand a week or two of pain and uncomfortableness, it's worth it. It feels like a needle digging through your skin during, and like a sunburn afterwards," says Stutey.

Getting a tattoo is a more drastic way of expressing one's self because tattoos are completely permanent. If you decide a week later it was a mistake you're stuck with it anyway. Tattoos are pretty costly as well, and depending on what's desired they could run into

hundreds of dollars for more detailed and exceptionally done ones, to \$40 and \$50 ones that are black and white with little detail.

Butler sophomore JJ Kerr has a langolier soccer ball tattooed on his ankle

because he loves soccer.

"It cost \$65, and I got the tattoo on my ankle so it can be covered up by my black socks when I get older," says Kerr. Kerr had his tattoo done at Ace's

High Tattoo which is located at 16037 E. Kellogg.

Pete Dawson has been doing the art of tattooing at Ace's High

Tattoo parlor for two and a half years. "The

most common type of tattoo that people get is usually little stuff like hearts and butterflies. The average going price is \$40 minimum for something small, and the price goes up with size, color and detail. The smaller tattoos usually take about a half hour to do, and most people think they (tattoos) feel like something between a splinter and a bee sting," says Dawson.

Barbells and hoops decorate peoples' bodies like Christmas ornaments do trees. Piercing in the '80s was mainly preserved for punk rockers, but now body piercing is literally everywhere. Metal barbells and rings hang from eyebrows, lips, tongues, chins, noses, nipples, ears, navels and the now becoming very popular, genitals.

Some piercings are painful while others wouldn't even make a person flinch. Butler sophomore Angela Decker has her navel pierced. "I got my navel pierced at Tiggers in

Dallas for \$50," says Decker.

Some piercings are relatively cheap, however, others are quite expensive.

A normal, plain old ear piercing usually costs around \$20

including the earrings, the piercing and the

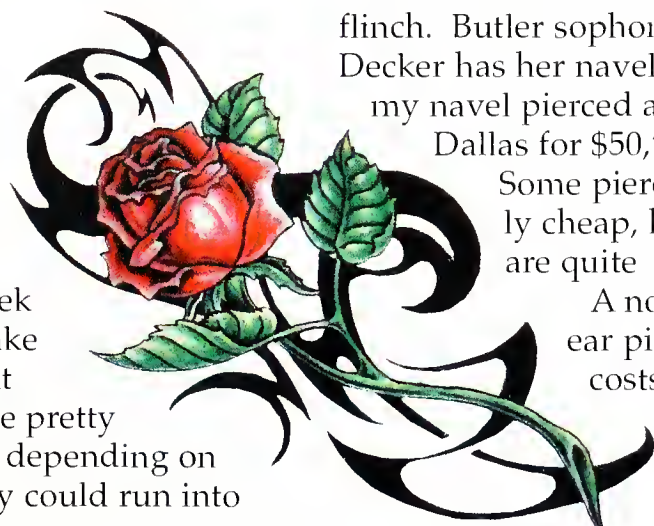
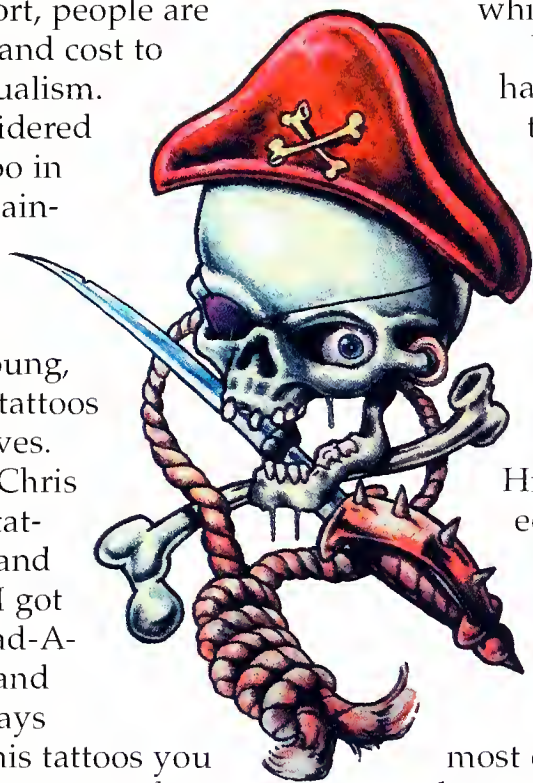
into this lost position?' It's almost like a tattoo pulls you back to a certain kind of reality about who you are as an individual. Either that or it transfers you to the next step in your life, the next plateau. A woman will come in and say, 'Well, I just went through a really ugly divorce. My husband had control of my body and now I have it again. I want a tattoo. I want a tattoo that says I have the courage to get through this, that I have the courage to take on the rest of my life. I'm going to do what I want to do and what I have to do to survive as a person.' That's a motivation that comes through the door a lot."

Many tattoo customers agree that tattooing is addictive and tend to have more than one tattoo. "I have never seen a person get only one tattoo," says Rogen Handlon, co-owner of Fine Line Tattoo, Inc. "Customers always get at least two. If a customer comes in for more, we try to help them choose the tattoo and the area for the tattoo, so it looks more planned than random.

The image selected for a tattoo has a significant meaning to the recipient. The meaning can relate to a person, their self-identity, their relationship with others or their desire to beautify the body.

Along with the image goes the location. According to Sanders, the vast majority of male tattooees chose to have their work placed on their arm. Fifty-five percent of people in a survey place their tattoo on their arm or hand.

Eight-one percent of the men's tattoos were on their arms. The remain-





after-piercing ear care products. Ear piercings don't hurt that much, they mainly just feel like a pinch and then it's over.

Getting a navel pierced will cost you a bit more than your ears. Standard going price for a navel piercing costs about \$50. Navel piercings hurt more than others and also take longer to heal. "It was like a really hard pinch for about ten seconds. I think piercing is a neat way to express yourself as long as it's not overboard," Decker says. Butler sophomore Angela Napier also has a navel piercing. "It felt like nothing. I think piercings are an expressive form of our freedom as Americans," says Napier.

Nipple piercings are also very popular these days. Butler El Dorado sophomore Matt Hanson has both of his nipples pierced and a stud in one of his ears. Hanson has a hoop in one of his nipples and a needle through

his other nipple. "The piercing part just felt like pain, but it was free because I did the piercings myself. It hurts a lot in your nipples, but they're cool looking," Hanson says. Body piercing is also not permanent. If you decide you don't like it, just remove it and let the healing commence.

No matter if you're getting a body appendage pierced or a tattoo, the first thing you should do is ask the piercer or tattooist about their sterilization practices. Do they use new equipment with each new customer? Is their permanent equipment completely sterilized before being used on another person? Is all of their disposable

equipment stored in sealed plastic bags? If you get answered back with a "no" to any of these questions, it is probably reasonably safe to assume you shouldn't get a tattoo or be pierced at this particular place.

"At Ace's High Tattoo the equipment is sterilized, and bags are kept over everything for sanitation," Dawson says.

Also ask to see the equipment in sealed bags. If they decline to show you the equipment, chances are they lied about the sterility of it. Having sterilized equipment is very important. Too many bacterias, infections and even AIDS can be spread through an unsanitized needle or other equipment. To be on the safe side take the time and ask some questions, it won't hurt anything.



Justin Hayworth

Pete Dawson of Aces High in Andover prepares the skin before he starts to tattoo.

der were on hip, back, face and chest. Thirty-five percent of the females received their first tattoo on the breast, 13 percent on the back or shoulder and 10 percent on the hip.

The body location will affect the price of a tattoo. A tattooist must inspect the skin for cuts and scrapes, spray the area with an antiseptic and shave the hair around the area. Next, a design must be sketched onto the skin and an ointment should be applied over the sketch. A tattooist has to stretch the skin to sketch the design, so body location may increase the price.

All needles should be sterilized. A recipient should make sure that the tattooist uses an autoclave (a heat sterilization machine required by the FDA) cleaning system. A tattooist uses a small machine, similar to a sewing machine, with a needlebar that holds up to 14 needles, each in its own tube. A tattooist should also follow the machine with absorbent tissues to pick up excess ink and blood.

Once the tattooist is finished, the area should be washed with mild soap and water and an antiseptic ointment should be applied. A tattoo will take seven to 10 days to heal. The tattooist will give the recipient instructions on care of the tattoo during the healing period.

A tattoo of three inches will take approximately one hour. Larger tattoos can take up to three hours and require multiple visits to the parlor.

A tattoo can cost from \$30-\$150 an hour, depending on the tattoo, the location and the artist.

Tattooing is a way of expression. It is a way of saying, "I am unique."



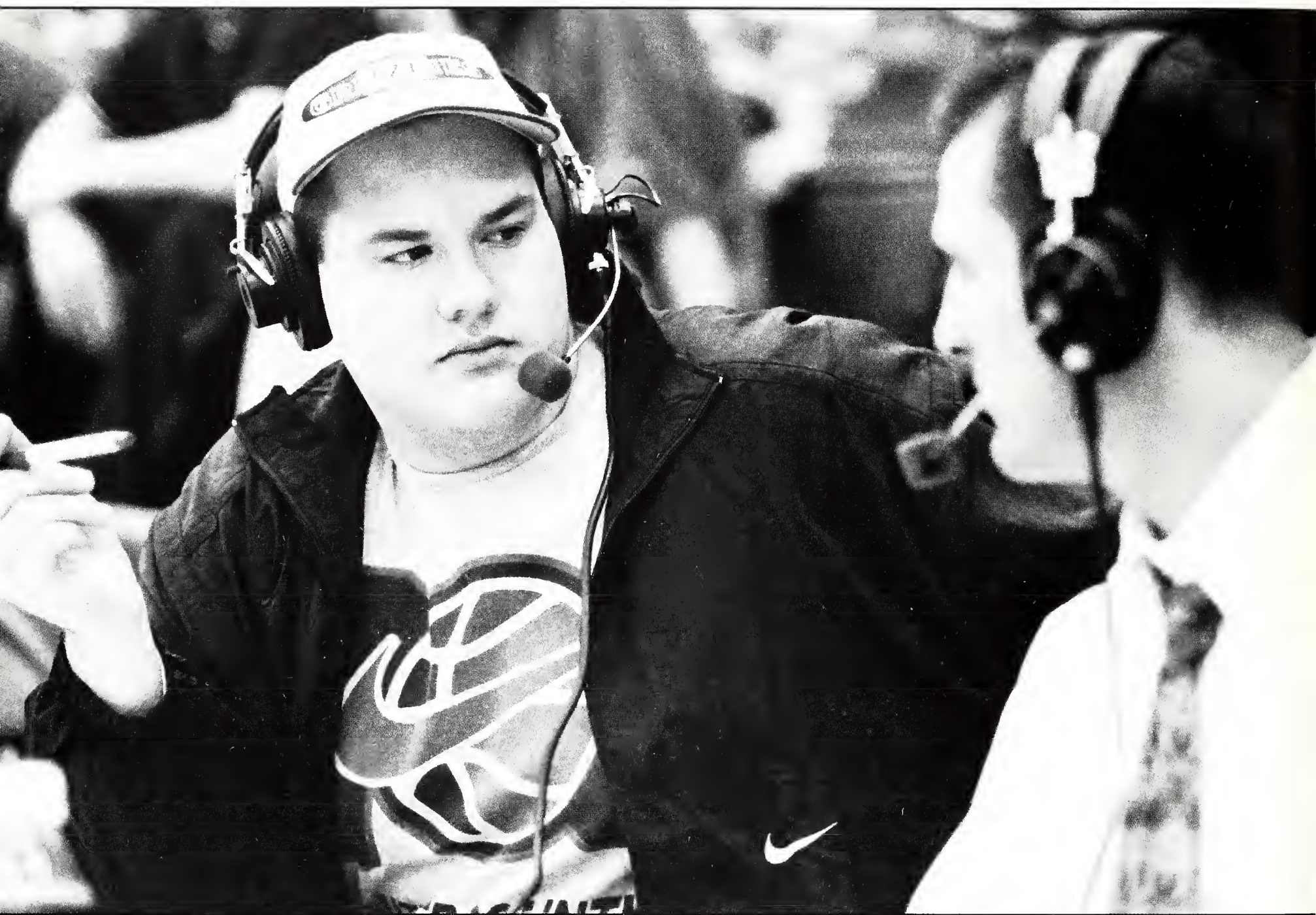
## Grizzly spotlight

Kristy Tabor drives around her Brown Mackie opponent in a game at the Power Plant in late November.

Photo by Justin Hayworth







Randy Smith gets some help announcing during a mens home game from womens coach Toby McCammon.

# The Voice of the Grizzlies

By Tiffany Lewis

Butler's "Voice of the Grizzlies" has already had a long haul to get where he is today, and at the tender age of 20, recognizes that while the future holds much promise for him, he still has a long way to go before he gets where he wants to go.

Meet Randy Smith, a diehard Philadelphia Eagles fan, and the personality behind the radio broadcast voice that brings Grizzly sports fans the play-by-play and color commentary of all Butler basketball and foot-

ball games on 88.1, KBCC Radio. This will be Smith's second year to broadcast Butler basketball, after completing his first Grizzly gridiron season.

"I hope to move on from Butler some day, but if I were stuck doing this the rest of my life, I would be happy," Smith insists. "Basketball at the community college level is great. Football is too, because you can get out on the road."

Randy Smith's roots in broadcasting were inauspicious. When he was eight years old, he did play-by-play for the electronic players on his first

computer football game. "For some strange reason I started doing play-by-play," Smith smiles when he looks back on it all today. "I used the computer game as a tool."

As a student at Circle High School, Smith's talents as a broadcaster began to show, even though he was not too interested in school at the time. But during his junior year, his teacher suggested that he attend the Mitch Holthus Sportscasters' Academy at Kansas State University. Videotaped evidence from the academy indicates he was enthusiastic about his work



there, but Smith claims he wasn't too successful. Still, he did walk away with an award from the Voice of the Kansas City Chiefs broadcasters camp.

"They ripped me up there," Smith insists, but, "they did say that I had a lot of enthusiasm and I won the Best Attitude Award."

When he returned to the area for his senior year at Circle, Smith did some public announcing work and applied for a job as a sportscaster at a Wichita radio station, which also needed someone to do play-by-play for the Thunder hockey team. He didn't get the job, but he went back to the Holthus Academy in the summer of 1995 to give it another shot.

"Mitch told me that I needed to be doing Butler County sports," Smith remembers. "He said he would do anything he could to help."

So, after high school, Randy Smith enrolled at Butler and received a radio scholarship, where the college was just beginning to develop a Radio/TV program. Unfortunately, Smith spent

too much time working on the radio--and not enough time in the classroom. He eventually lost his scholarship after completing only six credit hours his first semester.

"It got to the point I wasn't attending classes," Smith says. "I was spending 30 to 40 hours a week on the local radio station."

Randy Smith dropped out of school for a year. An El Dorado radio station broadcast Butler basketball games, and Smith signed on to cover them. All was fine until the radio sta-

tion decided to drop its coverage of the Grizzlies in mid-season.

So the Voice of the Grizzlies talked to Butler officials about carrying the basketball games on the school radio station, 88.1FM. The station was not running at full power yet, so KBCC only reached listeners on the El Dorado campus. Smith didn't care.

"We begged Larry Patton (dean of Humanities/Fine Arts) to let us do the games on the college station," Smith explains. Patton agreed, and Smith has been the official Voice of

the Grizzlies ever since. He didn't have to apply for the job, it was just handed to him, he says.

"I feel very fortunate that Butler County gave me this job," Smith says. "I love the intensity of the game. I'm always looking for the big play and the big game. If I never get a better job than this, I'll be happy. I love Butler."

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--Randy Smith



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# THE PRESIDENT VISITS WICHITA

By Amy Train

I experienced one thing I never thought would happen to me, seeing the President of the United States in person. That event happened to me on Nov. 17. I went to President Bill Clinton's dedication of Cessna's 21st Street Training Facility.

One night my mother and I were talking about Clinton coming to Wichita. I jokingly said to her, "What if I could get a press pass and go and see the President?" She told me to give my brother, who is in security at Cessna, a call. He told me to call the manager of security at Cessna.

The next morning, I gave him a call. He informed me that all press clearance was being processed through the White House.

I told my mother and she thought maybe he was just saying that. She made a few calls checking around and he had not been lying to me.

My mother talked to the Corporate Communications department at Cessna. They gave her the number to call for the press office in the White House.

Later that day, Corporate

morning. In the news briefing, I learned what the training center was all about and was impressed. Not many programs are started in an effort to move people off of welfare rolls and into employment. The

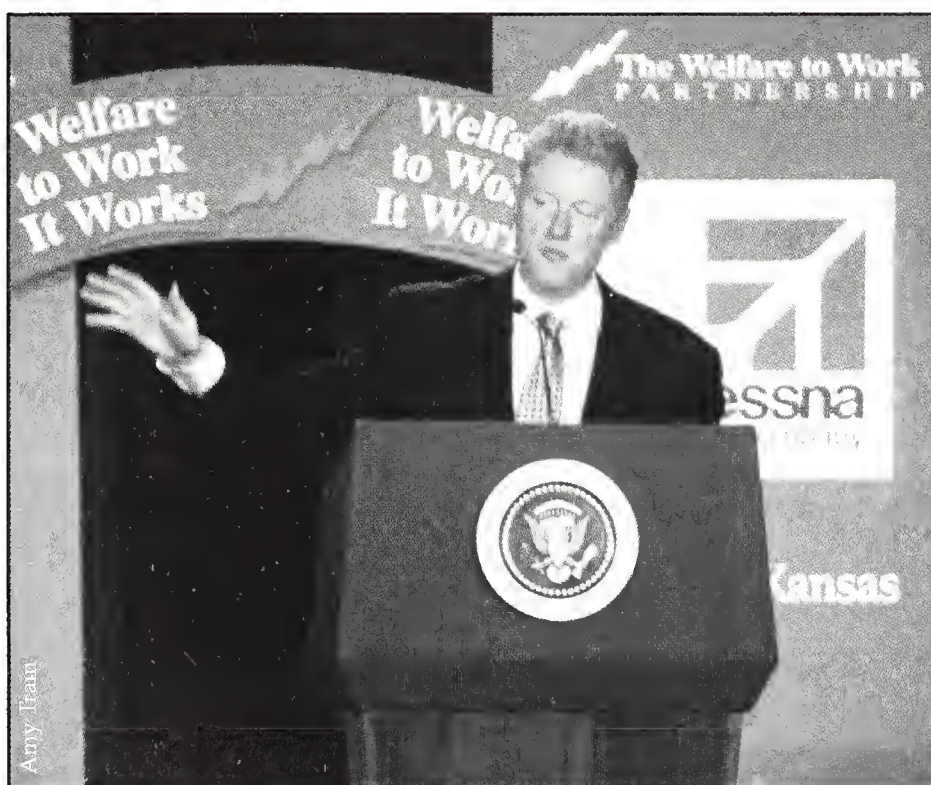
trainees are guaranteed a full-time job at Cessna upon graduating from the program.

I really began to appreciate the cause for Clinton coming to the Air Capital City. It was more than just, "I want to go see Clinton."

Clinton said it perfectly in his speech.

"The main reason I showed up, apart from the sheer satisfaction, is because sometimes when I show up things get enough publicity that people find out what you are doing. I don't care if they hear what I say. I just want everyone to see what you are doing here in Wichita."

While I was calling the White House, in an attempt to receive press clearance for the dedication, Brian Sabaj, managing editor of *The Lantern*, yelled at me informing me that Rick Dreiling, athletic director, was on the phone. Everyone in the background



Communications faxed me an invitation to the news briefing at the 21st Street Training Center. Of course, I attended. It was definitely a way to get my foot in the door. Even though I knew nothing about the training center, I headed off to Wichita the next



was telling Sabaj to shut up because I was on the phone with the White House. He told me that Dreiling was more important than the White House. Everyone just laughed.

While I was talking to the White House, I was told I would receive a fax of the options for set up times. For another day, I waited anxiously for the news that I would be heading to Wichita on that Monday to see Clinton.

For the rest of the weekend, it was almost impossible to concentrate at work. The knowledge of my adventure had not sunk in yet. When I woke up on Monday morning, it was like I was in a complete daze.

I headed off to class to take a measly test before I headed off to Wichita to see Clinton.

I left with plenty of time allotted in case traffic was congested. But, I parked with no problem whatsoever. From there, I headed to the training

center to pick up my credentials only to be informed I had to wait. I was beginning to wonder if my adventure was ever going to become a reality.

An hour later I was being frisked and knew I was in.

Another long wait followed. Three

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dreadful hours of anxious anticipation with the rest of the crowd.

Finally, the dedication began. Once Clinton stepped on stage, the crowd went wild with pride knowing that the President was here in Wichita.

My camera went into action as I shot five roles of Clinton.

The reality of my experience never set in until a week or so later. To this day, I still can't believe that I, Amy

Train, saw the President of the United States, Bill Clinton.

The experience is going to look great for the rest of my future. I have already sold several copies of my pictures to one of the graduates who introduced Clinton, and one to another graduate who my mom works with.

The head of Cessna's corporate communications told my mother that I am the type of person who they look for for internships. To me, that was an offer. The rest of my career will hopefully follow the success that I have had this fall as a student at Butler County Community college.

Seeing the President in person is an experience that I will remember for the rest of my life, and Butler is partly responsible for it.

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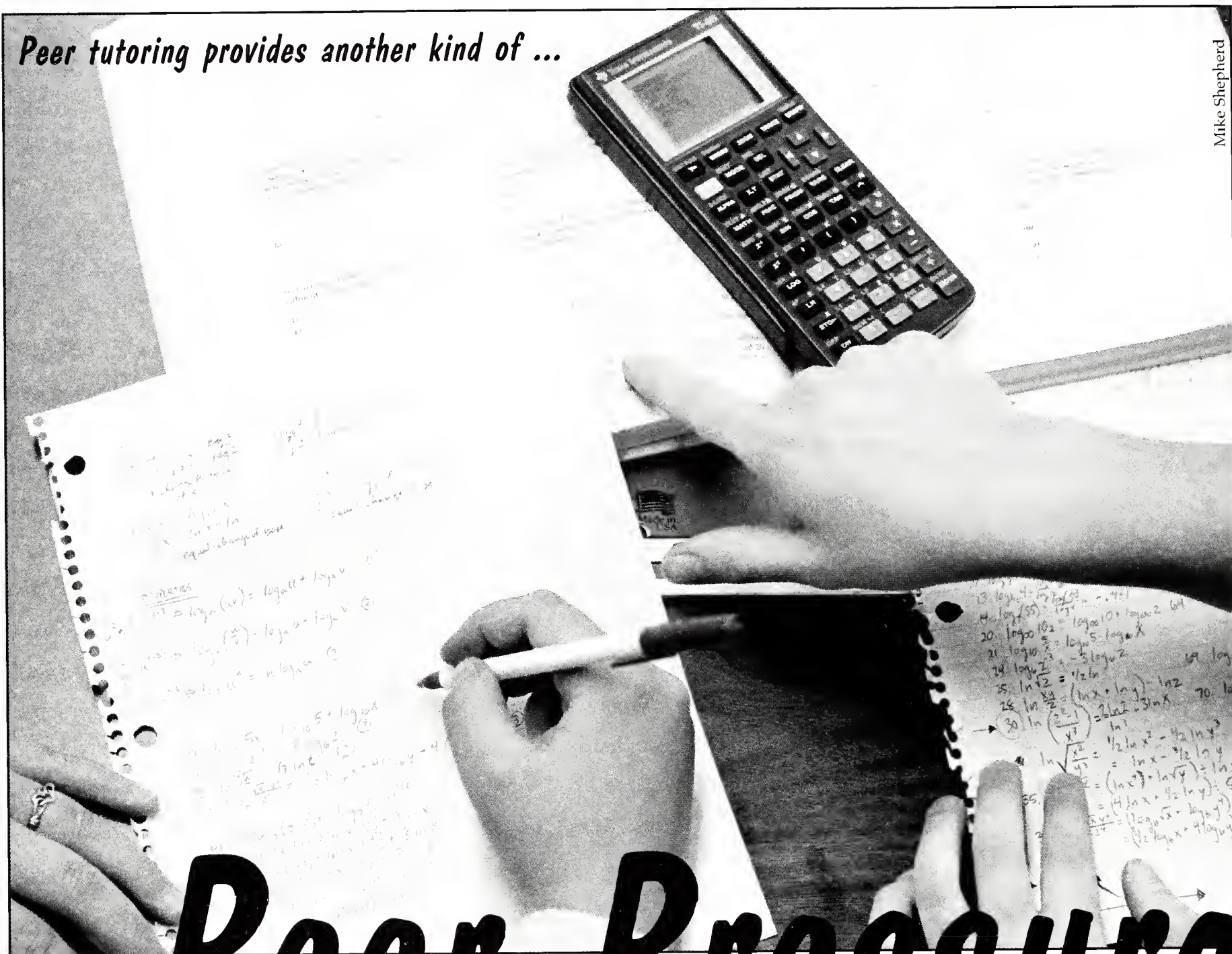


Amy Train



*Peer tutoring provides another kind of ...*

Mike Shepherd



# Peer Pressure

**By Mike Shepherd**

Sometimes it's hard to ask for help.

But that shouldn't be the case if you're not doing well in a class. Butler has a peer tutoring program designed solely to help students who may be struggling in a class or may not understand a concept.

Quite possibly the best thing about it, besides that it's free, is that the tutors want to help. Most are education majors using this opportunity to get "hands-on" practice at what they want to do in the future.

"I want to be a history and geography teacher but they needed someone to help out with biology. I'm no science whiz, but I do know the secrets to get you through the class," Jim Moreland, Butler graduate, says.

And by tutoring, tutors not only help others but they help themselves as well.

"I enjoy helping others help themselves," Stan Hristov, Bulgaria freshman, says. "Through helping people, I enrich myself, my knowledge on the subject, my communication skills in English and finally, of course, I make friends."

And it is those friendships that make asking for help easier.

"That's why the tutoring program works because the tutors are also students and I think people feel less intimidated in asking someone that is in the same situation they are," Susan Balman, peer tutoring coordinator, says.

By last year's statistics, one can see that the tutoring program is working. There



were 74 tutors at eight sites who served 1600 students in 2100 hours. In El Dorado, there were 26 tutors who served 815 students in 1355 hours. In comparison, that's like teaching one three-hour class with 31 students. Though there are no records to show students' improvement after tutoring, most involved with the program feel that there are many more out there who could benefit from the tutors who don't.

"There are a lot of students who could benefit from it but don't take advantage of it. It's right in the middle of the math classrooms, waiting for them to get help while they're here (for class)," math instructor Melody Choate says of the Math Enrichment Center, an annex of the peer tutoring program located in Room 205 of the 1500 Building.

And just like there are those who could benefit from tutoring who don't, there are also those who would make great tutors who do not apply.

"I've never thought, 'Oh my gosh, I've got too many tutors!' They're hard to find," Balman says.

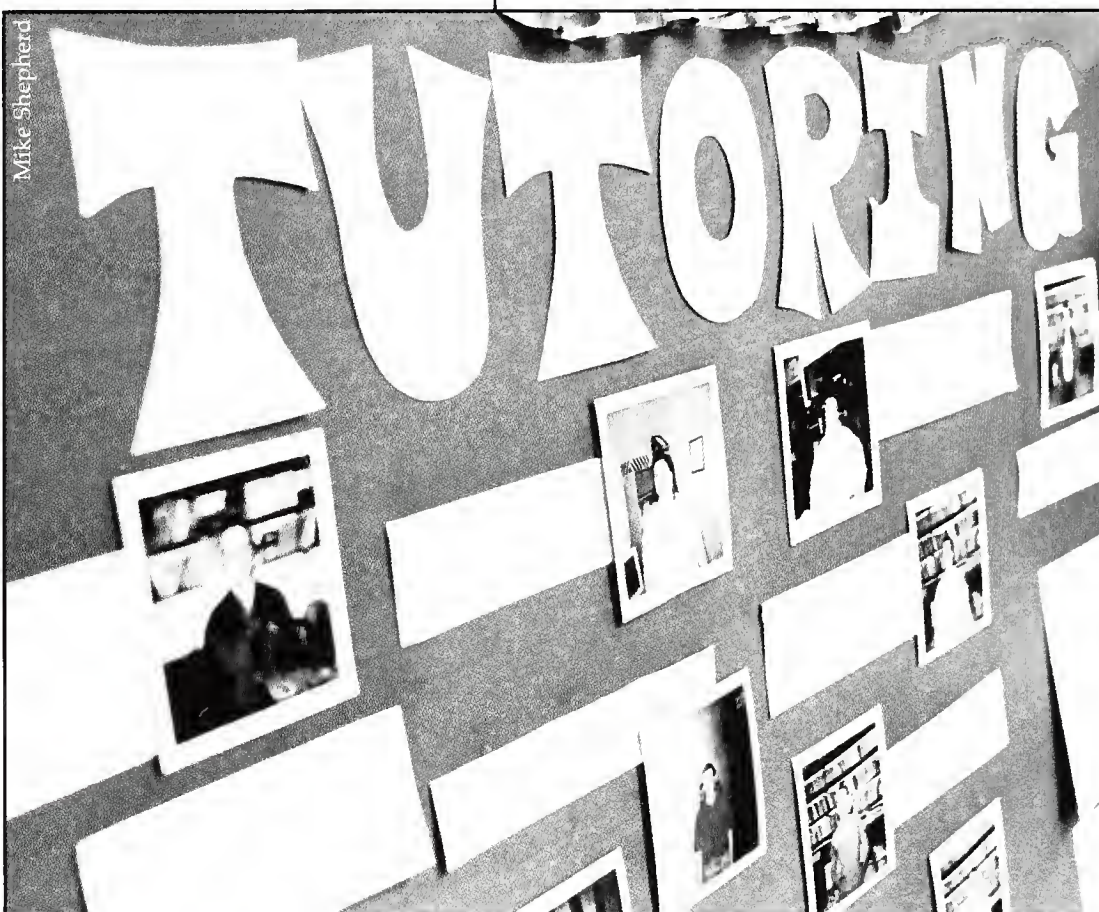
Student tutors may be hard to find, but as a rule, most instructors are available and are willing to tutor during their office hours to people in their classes, which increases the overall number of people who are available to help with a question.

"I prefer tutoring to classroom teaching because I can tailor to one person's needs or pace," Choate says.

Whether one seeks help from a peer or an instructor, one sentiment is apparent.

"I enjoy helping people help themselves," Hristov said. "That's the enjoyment from this job."

Anyone wanting or needing help with a class can check a list of available tutors in the Center for Independent Study or Math Enrichment Center for times and locations.



A bulletin board in the Center for Independent Study prominently displays tutor profiles, including what classes they can help with and what times they are available. In El Dorado this semester, there are 14 tutors, down from 26 last semester. "I've never thought, 'Oh, my gosh! I've got too many tutors'," Susan Balman says.



Butler graduate and biology tutor Jim Moreland studies for his U.S. History II class in the Center for Independent Study. Aside from offering classes and tutoring services, the CIS is also a quiet place to catch up on homework.



# What really goes on ...

By Tiffany Lewis

For many students, the transition from high school to college can be made easier by living in the dorms. It can also provide a fun and interesting way for students to get involved in campus activities and make new friends.

"Living in the dorms is a good way to get to know people," says Missy Ek, a freshman student from Galva. "I've made a lot of new friends since living in the dorms."

Butler provides two dorms for students, the East Dorm and the West Dorm. The West Dorm is for men only. Each room has two men living in it and each hall shares a shower room. "It's comfortable and homey," Liberal freshman Brooke White says. "I feel safe in the dorms."

The East Dorm is a coed dorm, meaning there are rooms for men and women. Two rooms share one bath-

room and shower. The four students who share the bathroom are called suitemates.

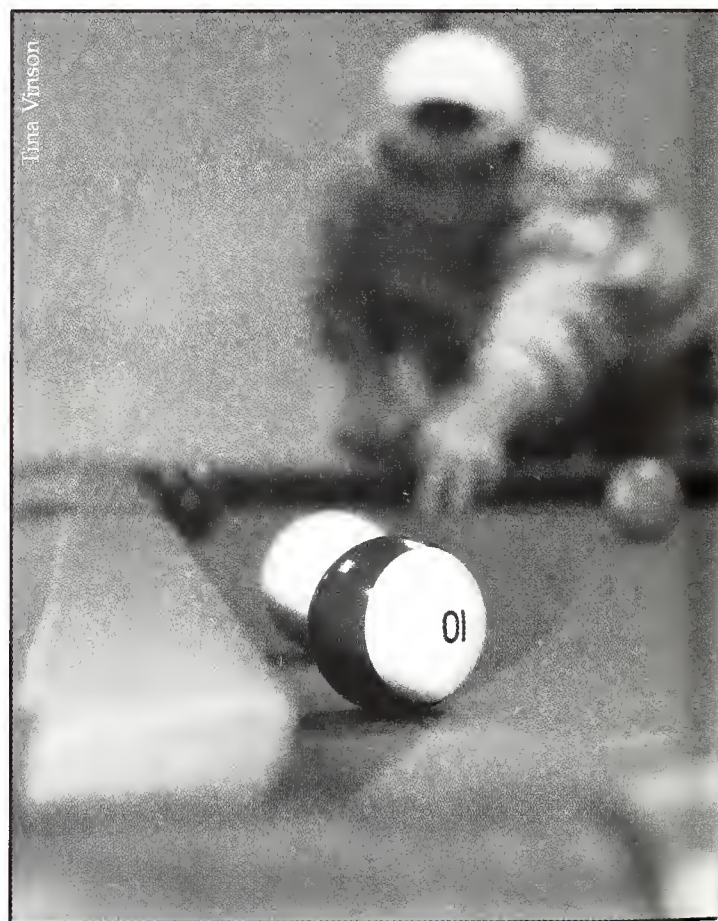
"I like living in the dorms because it's close to campus," says Shauna Scott, a freshman from Manhattan. "All the people who live here are cool and the rooms are nice. Dan 'The Man' McFadden is really cool."

The Dan McFadden who Scott is referring to is an adult college employee who oversees the dorms on behalf of Butler. He ensures that both dorms run smoothly.

By living in the dorms, students have a chance to get involved in campus activities. Students can check the bulletin boards for local job openings and campus and town happenings.

"Living in the dorms is a change from being at home all my life," says Caney freshman Erica Jones. "I like my roommate. It's been exciting getting to know someone

## ...in the dorms



*Above, In the hours after classes dorm residents participate in many different activities such as pool and ping pong.*

*To the left, Erica Jones colors in her dorm room after a long day of studying hard and attending classes.*





Derby Freshman Holly Call kicks back in her dorm room to watch TV.

from Germany."

The East Dorm provides a game room to keep students entertained. The game room has a ping-pong table, a pool table and arcade games that keep students busy on those occasional I-don't-want-to-study nights.

Living in the dorms is also a way for students to make new friends. The first friend a student must make on the Butler campus is his or her roommate. These two have to learn to get along and share a limited amount of space. This reality makes being friends more important because living with a person you dislike can make your life miserable. Sometimes roommates can be reassigned, but usually students just have to learn to live with it.

"The dorms are a great place to live if you have a good relationship with your roommate and others in your hall," says Teddy Salters, a sophomore from Irmo, S.C.

People down the hall can also become a student's good friends, too. It is common to walk through the halls of the dorms and see room doors wide open. These people are just inviting others to come into their rooms to chat.

El Dorado sophomore Lauri Fulks says dorm life agrees with her. "I think it's fun. People on my hall always have a good time together."

“It sucks because you can’t drink beer in your room.”  
—Ben Faulkner—”

But there can be drawbacks as well.

If a student has a problem in the dorm, there is usually no getting away from it. Loud and continuous noise can be an annoying part of dorm life. There is always something happening in the dorms, and there is always someone extremely loud walking

down the hall. There is nowhere a student can go to escape the noise. Once a student becomes accustomed to dorm life, however, the student usually copes and is much happier.

Abilene freshman Ben Faulkner has another complaint about dorm life. "It sucks because you can't drink beer in your room," he says.

But despite these few problems, living in the dorms can give students a good start to adjusting to college life. Dorm life gives students opportunities to be involved and it can also provide a start on meeting people. It's a part of the total college experience.



# Roll on over to the Rollerena

By Laura Agee

There is no lack of talent in Melissa Downing's family. Her children are national champions in speed roller skating. Her oldest daughter, Jennifer, won the Tiny Tot division in 1989. Curtis, her 11-year old son, won third place in 1993. Taking lessons in perfection, Downing's youngest daughter, Amanda, 8, is in line to be the next national champion in speed roller skating. At least Jennifer, Curtis, and Amanda will never have to worry about not having a place to practice. The Downings own the Rollerena on Central Street in El Dorado.

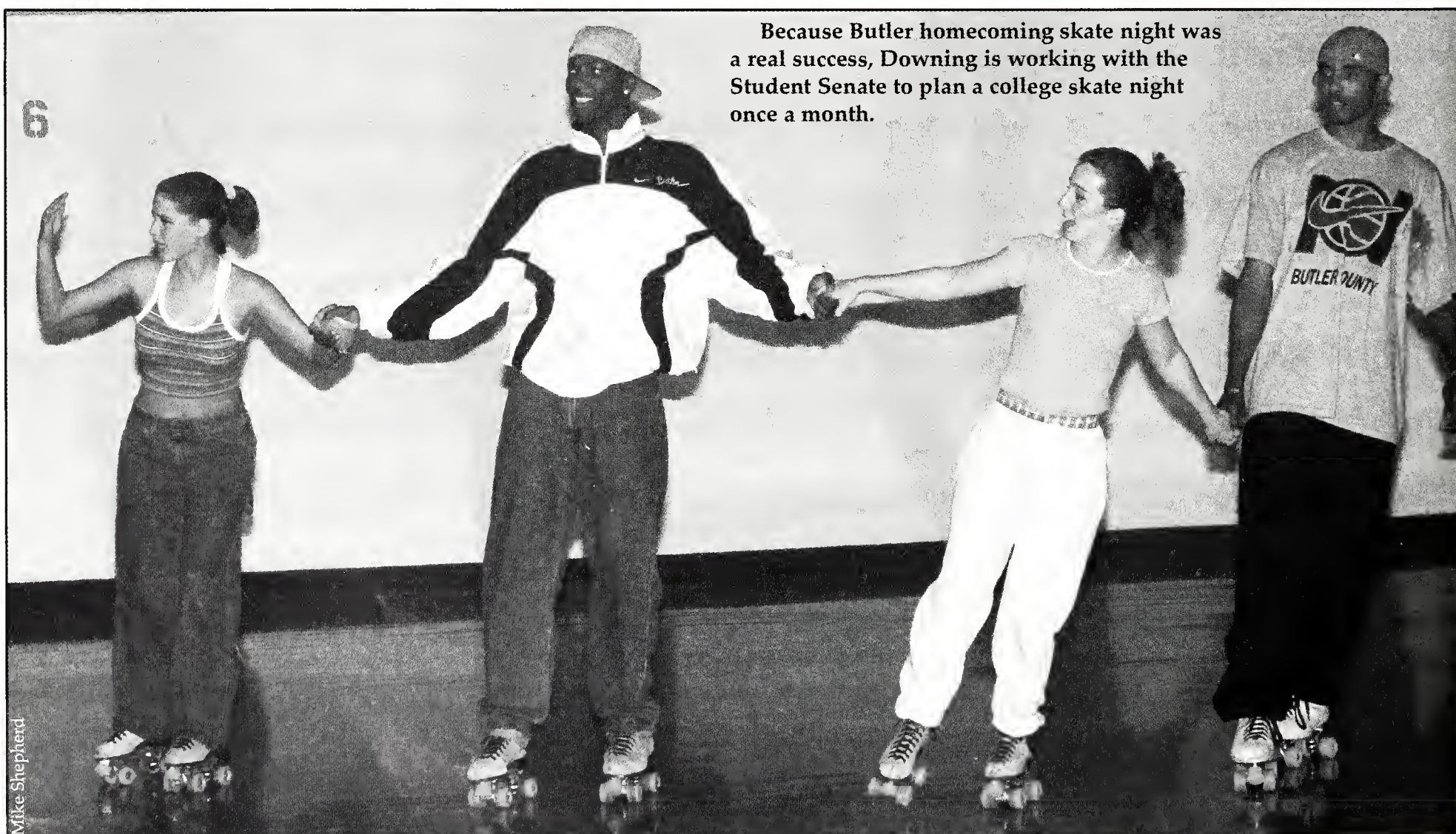
Downing, 30, purchased the skating rink in September of 1996. Since their children

were national champions, the Downings decided to give it a try after they discovered the rink was for sale. Actually, the previous owner made the Downings an offer they couldn't refuse. The rest is history.

Originally, the skating rink was a circular portable skating rink that was set up in the corn fields around the area. Its owner, Phil Muth, moved from place to place setting up the skating rink where ever he went. With some success, Muth decided to build a permanent skating rink. In 1953, the Rollerena was built. After Muth built the Rollerena, he discovered that he had made the ceiling three feet too low. Rather than rebuilding the ceiling, Muth just left it. "The Muths built it, the Foxs bought it from the Muths and added six more feet



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Because Butler homecoming skate night was a real success, Downing is working with the Student Senate to plan a college skate night once a month.

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to the floor," Downing recalls.

In September of 1996, Downing purchased the rink. "We put long hours into restoring the rink. We pulled the floor in places and replaced most of the floor," Downing says. The Downings also replaced the roof. "Suddenly, the rink started to become a reality for me," Downing smiles.

Looking around it wasn't hard for me to see why. The floor, coated with special plastic, made the floor shiny and inviting. According to Downing, the plastic coating on the floor gives it a certain tightness, so it is just right to skate on without causing skaters to fall. "The floor has to have this coating applied every six months to a year," Downing explains. After the opening in September, the rink had to be closed briefly last June. "The carpet was defective," Downing states. Now the red and blue flowered carpet is only two months old. Although the orange and yellow concession booths don't match the carpet, the rink still looks good. Downing and her husband have worked hard. "He has a job by day and this by night," Downing comments. No wonder neither of them have any free time. Owning a skating rink is a big job, as Melissa Downing has found out.

With these new changes, The Rollerena looks like a new rink. Hopefully, the floor can start being

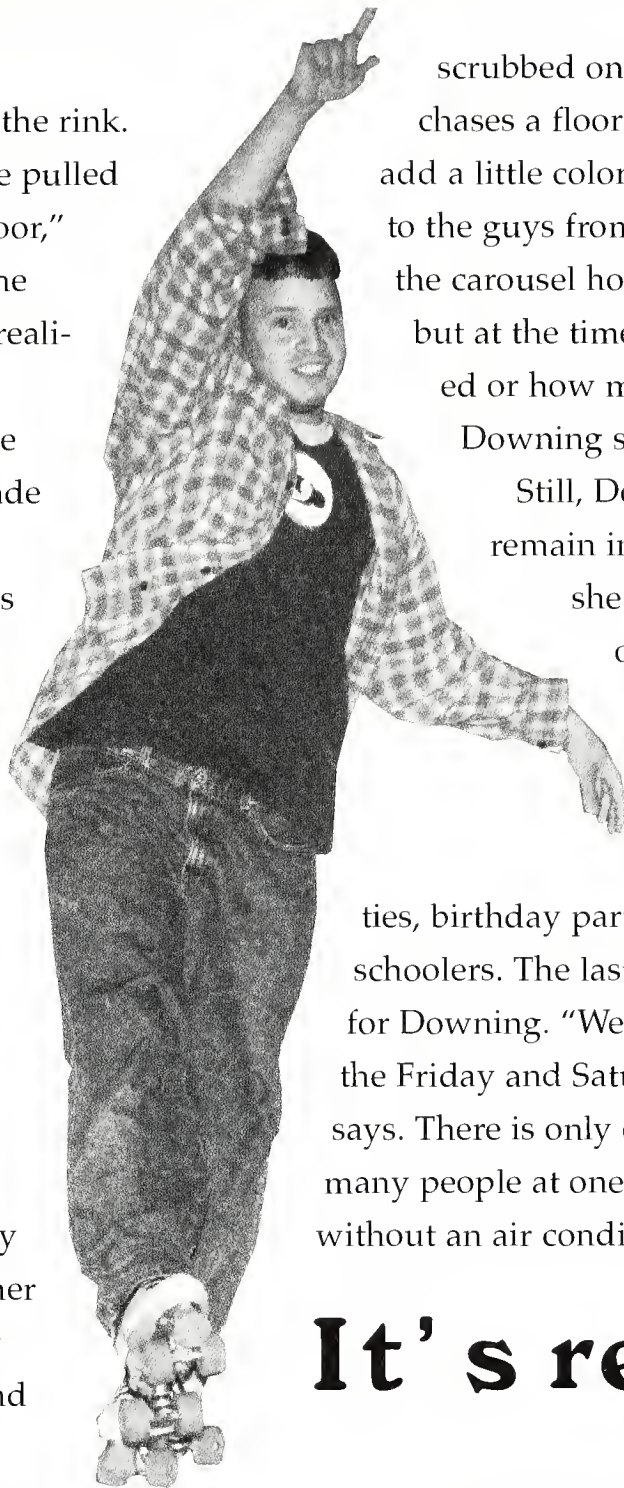
scrubbed once a week, after Downing purchases a floor scrubber. Downing also plans to add a little color to the bare white walls. "I talked to the guys from Chance Industries who painted the carousel horses for the Carousel skating rink, but at the time I wasn't sure what I really wanted or how much I wanted to spend,"

Downing states.

Still, Downing is unsure if the rink will remain in her family. "My daughter says she wants it, but I don't know. She is only 14, and I'm sure she will change her mind in 10 years,"

Downing says. For now, Downing is focusing on skating lessons, school skating parties, birthday parties and skating times for home-schoolers. The last few weeks have been real busy for Downing. "We have had close to 100 people for the Friday and Saturday night sessions," Downing says. There is only one minor setback to having that many people at one time. "It gets pretty hot in here without an air conditioner," Downing chuckles.

## It's renovated ... and ready



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**O**K, this we know about the Butler County mens basketball team: They won't start the season 16-0. This we don't know: When will freshman Kevin Robinson and Jamar Gaither return?

This we know: Tyrone Brown really has some ups...doesn't he?

This we don't know: Will Butler County be heading to Hutchinson for the national tournament in March?

As the Grizzlies start the season 7-3, questions abound about this year's team as compared to last season's. With 14 new freshmen added to the squad and only two sophomores returning, Butler was predicted fourth in the NJCAA preseason poll. This is the highest a Butler team has been ranked. Yes, all this with only two sophomores.

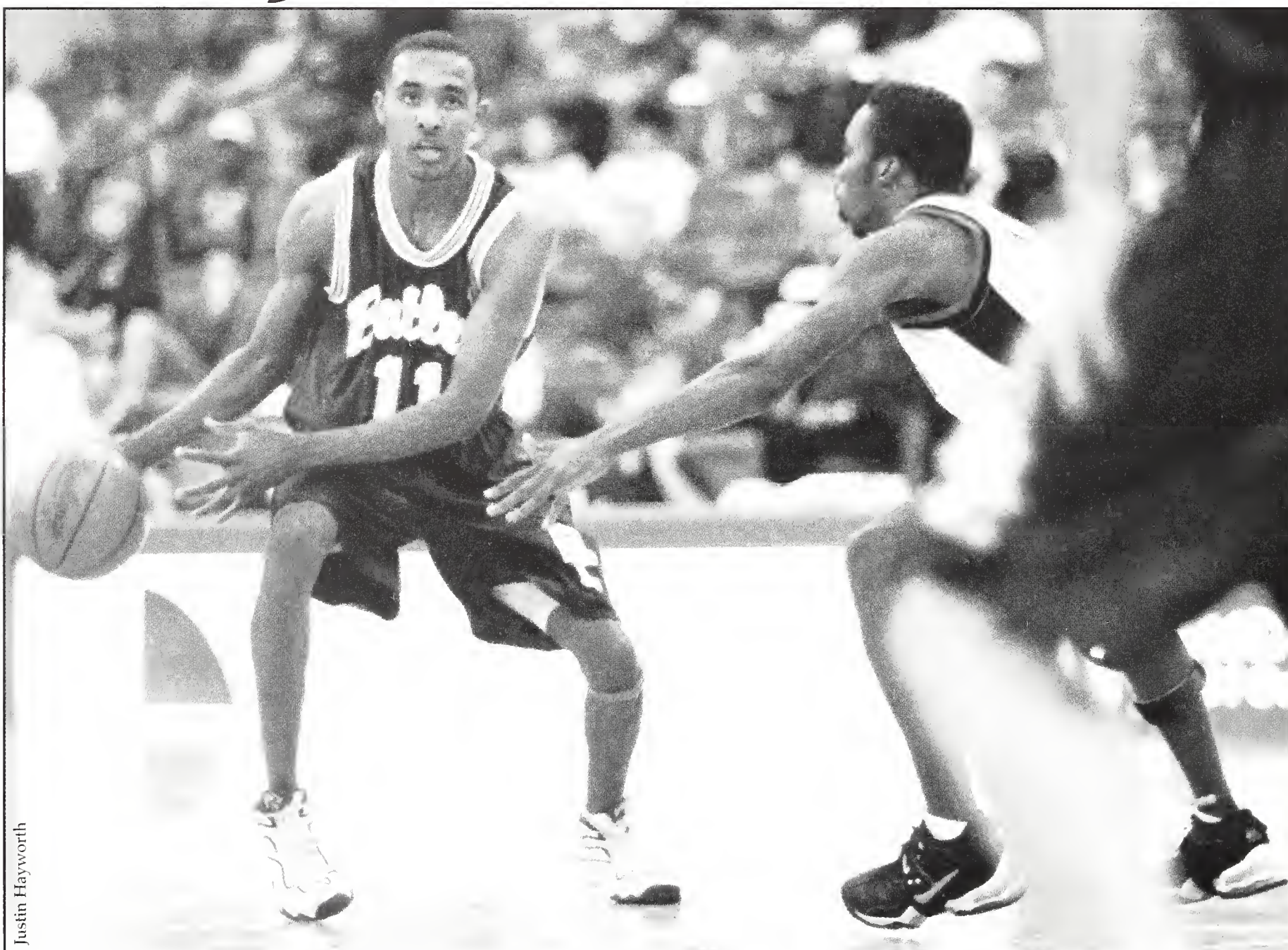
Although the team has gotten off to a slow start, coach Steve Eck feels better about this team than the 29-5 team of last season. Perhaps that's because it's officially his team.

After Randy Smithson accepted the Wichita State position, Eck took over here at Butler County with Smithson's recruits. Now in full control, Eck is doing things *his* way.

In the past, the Grizzlies have relied on local talent at the point guard position. But this year, the Grizzlies decided to go looking out-of-state. Huntsville, Ala., freshman Tony Jackson emerges from the talent hunt. Freshmen do make mistakes, and Jackson is still learning, but when he drains the shots, opponents have a hard time stopping the leak. Jackson burned Coffeyville, going 7 of 7 from three-point land, with 31 points. Leavenworth freshman Jason Fullen is another point guard who can shoot the rock as well. With Fullen and Jackson, expect the long bombs as the rest of their "game" continues to progress.

Returning Augusta sophomore guard Lucas Sims was injured for most of last year. He certainly didn't show it. Participating in 31 games, Sims' free-throw shooting was

# Exactly what do we know about



Antonio Jackson looks for an open teammate to pass the ball to in the Grizzlies game against Allen County in their second game of the KJCCC Shoot Out in Coffeyville. The Grizzlies beat Allen County and Fort Scott in their only two games at the Shoot Out.



tops on the 1996-97 team. Barring injury, Sims will continue to start at the off guard position. Backing him will be Frankfort freshman Matt Suther, who, on paper, resembles Sims. The 1-A Player of the Year will be a key off the bench.

With Grizzlies' lack of depth in the post, more guards will take the floor, which will suit Wichita freshman Tolanda Charles just fine. Charles has started all 10 games this season and is an asset on the floor defensively. Another guard in the mix is Andale freshman Jarod Eck. Both Eck and Charles are no strangers to Steve Eck's philosophy. Charles is a former South High player, while Eck is a nephew of coach Eck.

The forward spot shows the athleticism of the team. Wichita sophomore Tyrone Brown and New Orleans, La., freshman Damon Barnett showcase themselves as they dazzle audiences with unbelievable dunks. Brown, who

one. Winning the West will make a big statement to others in the Jayhawk Conference, for the West has been dominant at the Region VI tournament throughout the '90s. As soon as Robinson and Gaither return, the post position will be stronger. The team is young, but will gain more

## This year's Grizzlies ?

suffered a broken nose against Phoenix College the first night of the Thanksgiving Classic, returned the next night and sparked the Grizzlies with 26 points. Barnett, in place of Brown, had 17 points and 10 rebounds to pace Butler County to victory over Phoenix College.

The post position is a spot that's hurting with Mitchellville, Md., freshman Kevin Robinson and Greenbelt, Md., freshman Jamar Gaither out with injuries. All-America Lee Nailon has moved on to TCU and has left Robinson and Gaither to fill the shoes. How big are this two to Butler County? The team is 2-3 when either is out of the lineup. Their return could be sometime after Christmas. Leavenworth freshman Neil Chadderdon and Augusta freshman Todd Kappelmann have taken their place in the paint to fill the void. Augusta, Ga., freshman William Gates has also seen time at the five spot, at times being the tallest player on the court at six-foot-six.

The Grizzlies haven't had the easiest of schedules, either. Mineral Area College was Butler's opening night opponent, while Mesa handed one of the three losses to the Grizzlies over Thanksgiving. Both were ranked in the preseason NJCAA poll. The road gets tougher for Butler County, who will face undefeated Jayhawk West rivals Seward and Hutchinson. Barton County is favored in the West, and has been ranked seventh on the NJCAA polls. The Grizzlies, however, are predicted to finish first in the Jayhawk West by the *Wichita Eagle* and other conference coaches.

This we know: If Butler is to travel to Hutchinson for the national tournament, the road there will be a rough

experience throughout the season. The Grizzlies might not equal a 29-5 record this year, but at least someone feels comfortable about this year's team and the road ahead.

By Randy Smith



Lucas Sims, one of only two returning members of last year's team, goes up for a shot in a game against Brown Mackie.



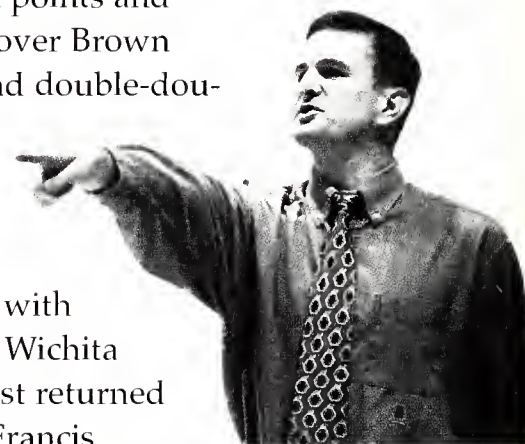
Tyrone Brown, one of two returning members of last year's team, tries to drive around an Allen Country defender.



# Injuries plague women's team

Double-double seems to be the theme for the Lady Grizzlies this season--in a positive and a negative way. Four of the first five games not only resulted in victories, but an individual player earned a double-double in each game, scoring double digits in points and rebounds. In an 86-42 victory over Brown Mackie, two Lady Grizzlies had double-doubles; one with points and rebounds, the other with points and assists. That is the good news.

The other double-double is with injuries. That is the bad news. Wichita freshman Kesha Walker has just returned from a stress fracture, but St. Francis sophomore Carrie Duquette recently went down with a knee injury and is lost for the season. A lack of depth has hurt the Lady Grizzlies and could put a dent in their record as they hit the stronger portion of their schedule. Obviously, womens head coach Toby



Kesha Walker tries to steal the ball from Allen County's point guard in the KJCCC Shoot Out in Coffeyville.

Kristy Tabor (25) slides under the pick set by her teammate Angela Picolet.



McCammon would love more of the positives.

The Lady Grizzlies brought back two post players from last year's squad. Santa Fe Springs sophomore Maria Camacho and Duquette are the only returning players back this year. They have touted the freshman class as Butler's best ever and the Wichita area has helped by providing three players: Kristy Tabor (Campus), Danielle Belin (North), and Walker (Heights).

Other in-state players are Oxford freshman Shelly Bartelson, Eureka freshman Stacey Hart, and Council Grove freshman Angela Picolet. Two out-of-state players join the Lady Grizzlies: Kansas City freshman Toni Herriford and Columbia, S.C., freshman



April Davis.

Herriford and Davis have been taking turns at running the point guard in Walker's absence. Herriford is deadly from three-point range and has excellent ball-handling skills. Davis is quick and can hurt opponents defensively. Both can also play the off-guard position as well, and have been found on the court at the same time. Walker, the shortest player on the team at 5-foot-4, has been a vocal force on the bench. Now she will get her chance to be a vocal leader on the court as well. With Walker's return, the three guards will get a pleasant mix of shooting and quickness.

Along with the scoring of Herriford and Davis, watch for Kristy Tabor to have some big games in the point column as well. Tabor, in her first game, had a double-double. She is versatile and can play forward or guard. Another player to look for at the wing spot is Bartelson, who is quick to the ball and provides a mixture of defense and scoring.

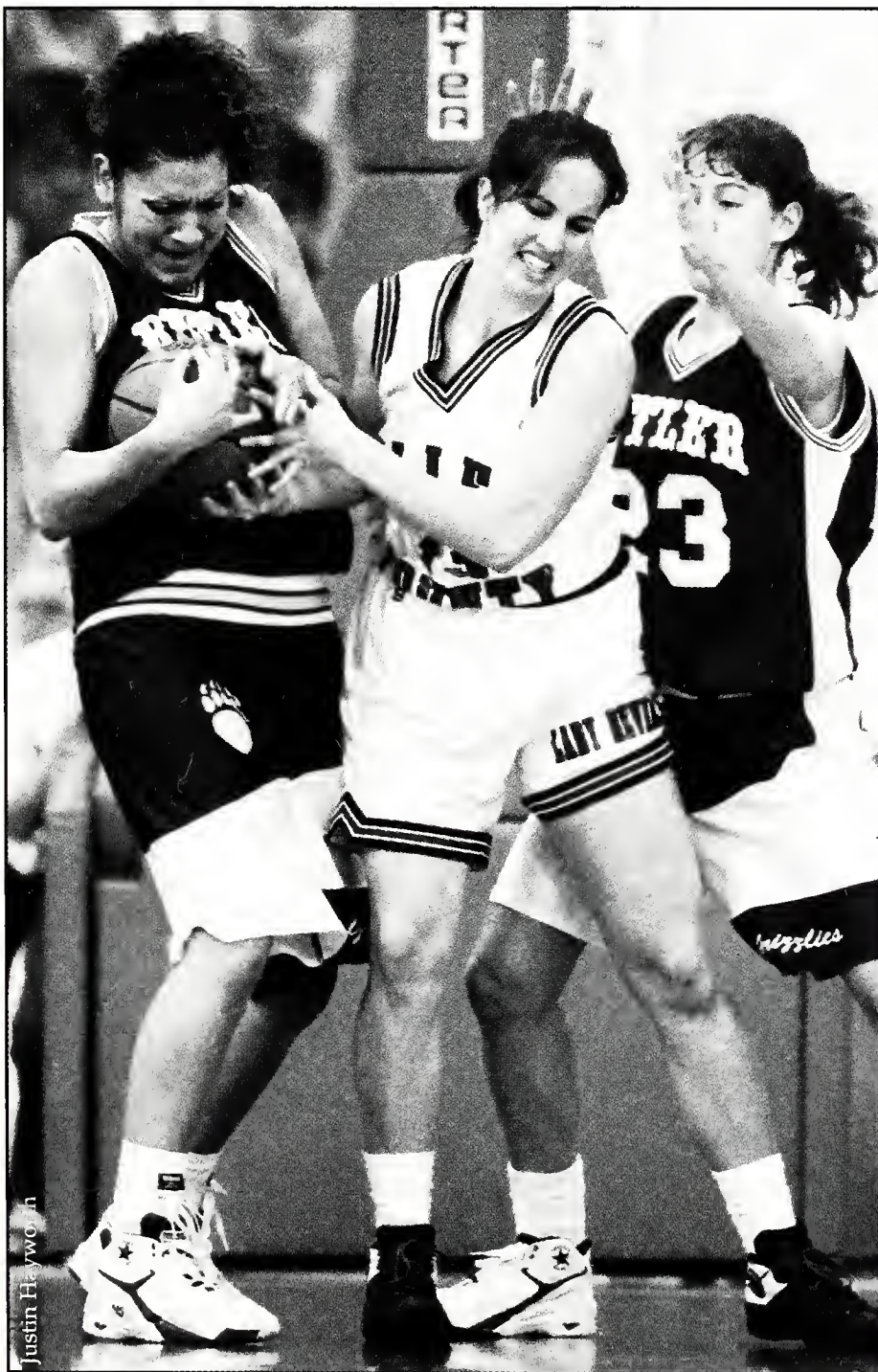
With Duquette out, Hart and Picolet, along with

Camacho, will attempt to fill the void. Hart, the most consistent Lady Grizzly on the stat sheet, will be a physical force inside. Picolet gives the Lady Grizzlies a good mix in her minutes off the bench with shot range and ball-handling skills. Camacho, standing at 6-foot-2, can create offensive and defensive production inside the paint and is one of the best free-throw shooters on the team. The Lady Grizzlies missed Duquette's inside play; the 6-foot-2 sophomore led the team in rebounds.

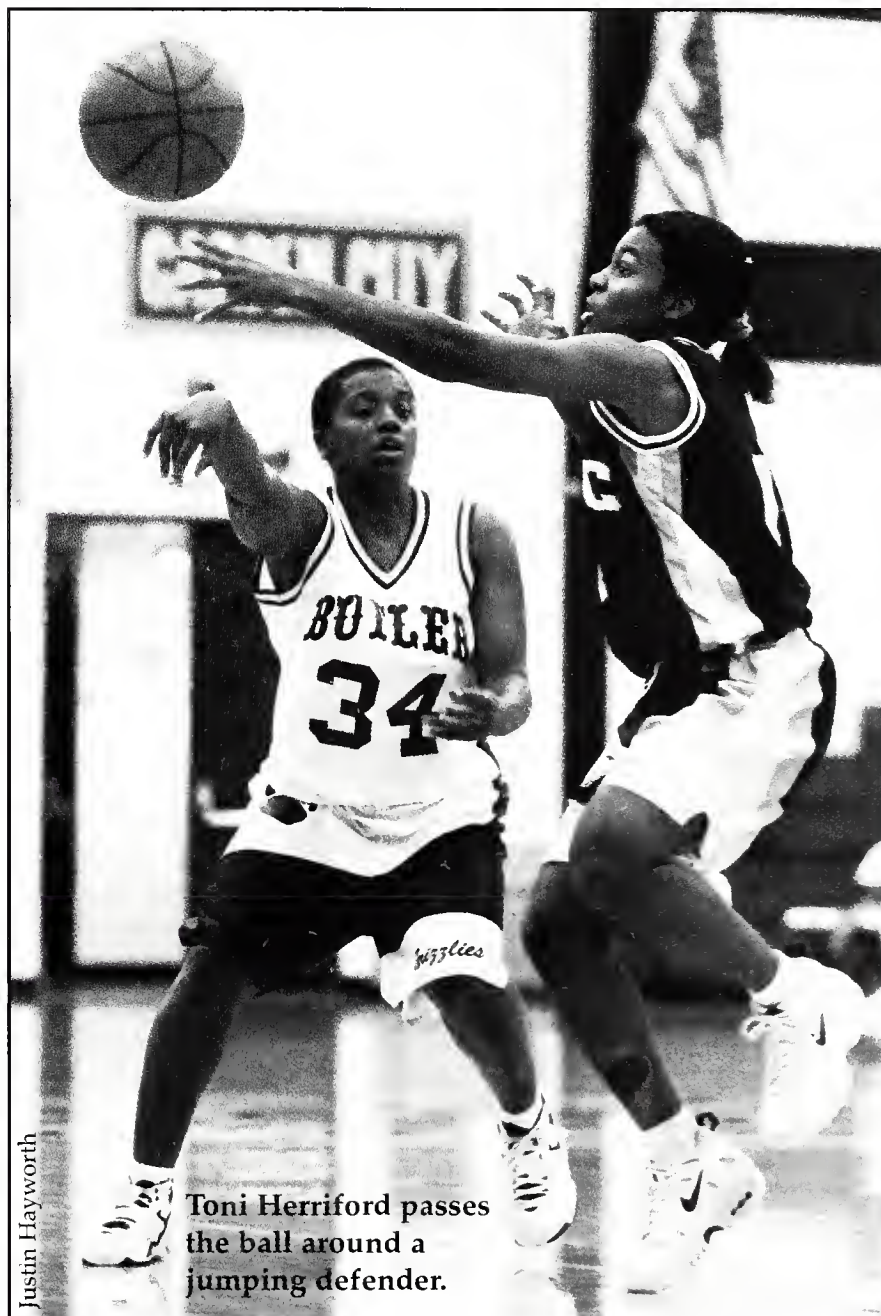
The 5-4 Lady Grizzlies have faced prime competition to gear up for play against Jayhawk West foes in January. Butler County suffered back-to-back losses against Coffeyville, this year's predicted Jayhawk East champion, and Cowley County. Over Thanksgiving break, the team split a pair of games in the Barton County Thanksgiving Classic; the loss coming to Kansas City, the defending Jayhawk Conference champion.

Now with McCammon's team at full strength, the Lady Grizzlies will have the potential to be a factor in the Jayhawk West. Keeping healthy is a strong key for Grizzly success, for they have only nine players on the roster. If the stat sheet keeps showing double-doubles, this is a team that could be in the thick of things at the end of the season.

By Randy Smith



Maria Camacho and Angela Picolet fight to get the ball away from an Allen County offensive player.



Toni Herriford passes the ball around a jumping defender.



# Women runners come a long way

By Amy Train

The womens cross country team has come a long ways from the first day of practice. The team sent one runner to nationals in Levelland, Texas and finished fifth overall in conference standings.

More than a few runners suffered from injuries or illness during the season, however, the women took fourth at the Hurricane Festival in Tulsa to open the season.

"We ran against all universities, with Butler being the only junior college," says Wichita sophomore Christa Gerdes, who placed 21st at the meet. "The rest of the girls did really well, even though we did not know what to expect. It was a pretty intense meet and we showed a lot of promise."

At the Baker Invitational, the Lady Grizzlies finished fourth out of nine teams in their first 5K race of the season. Gerdes finished 15th and Oxford sophomore Kasey Sawyer finished 21st.

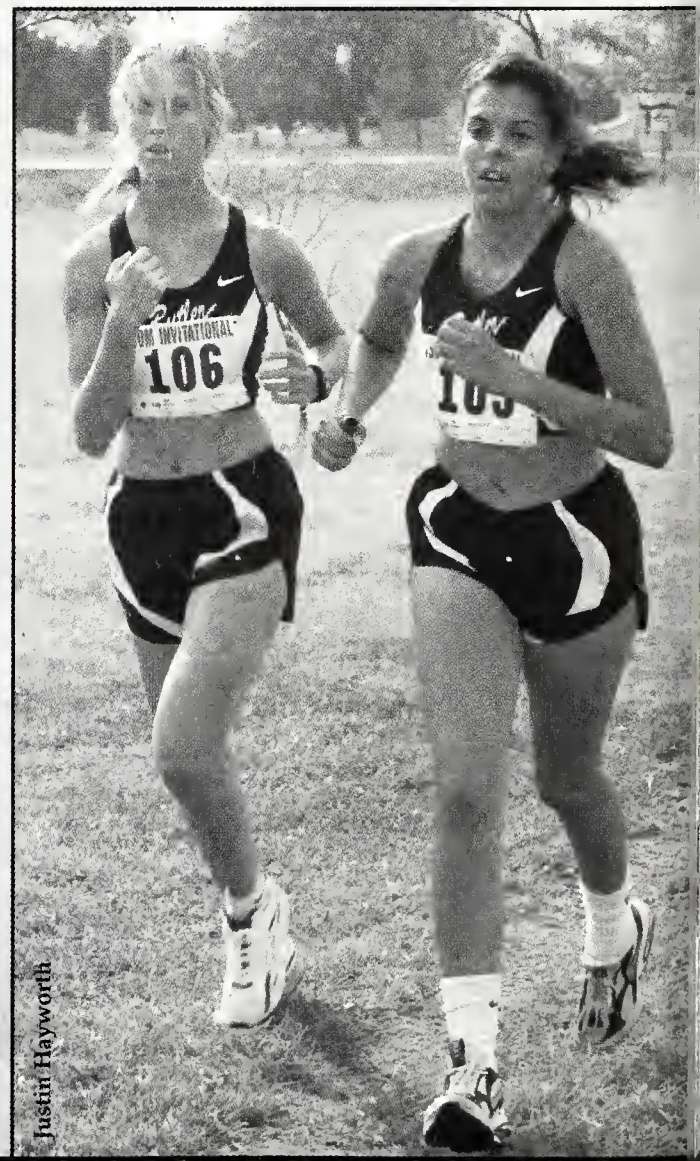
"We ran really well for our first five kilometers, especially since the weather conditions were rainy and cold," says Towanda freshman Brenda Sommers.

Sawyer finished 11th in the Isom Invitational held at Butler during homecoming. Sommers finished 18th and Gerdes 20th. At the Hays meet both Gerdes and Sawyer broke personal bests for the season.

The women placed fifth at Regionals that were held at Butler. The women barely missed an at-large bid to go to nationals. Sawyer was the only runner to advance to the national meet. She finished 51st.

Christa Gerdes strides towards the finish line at the Isom Invitational.

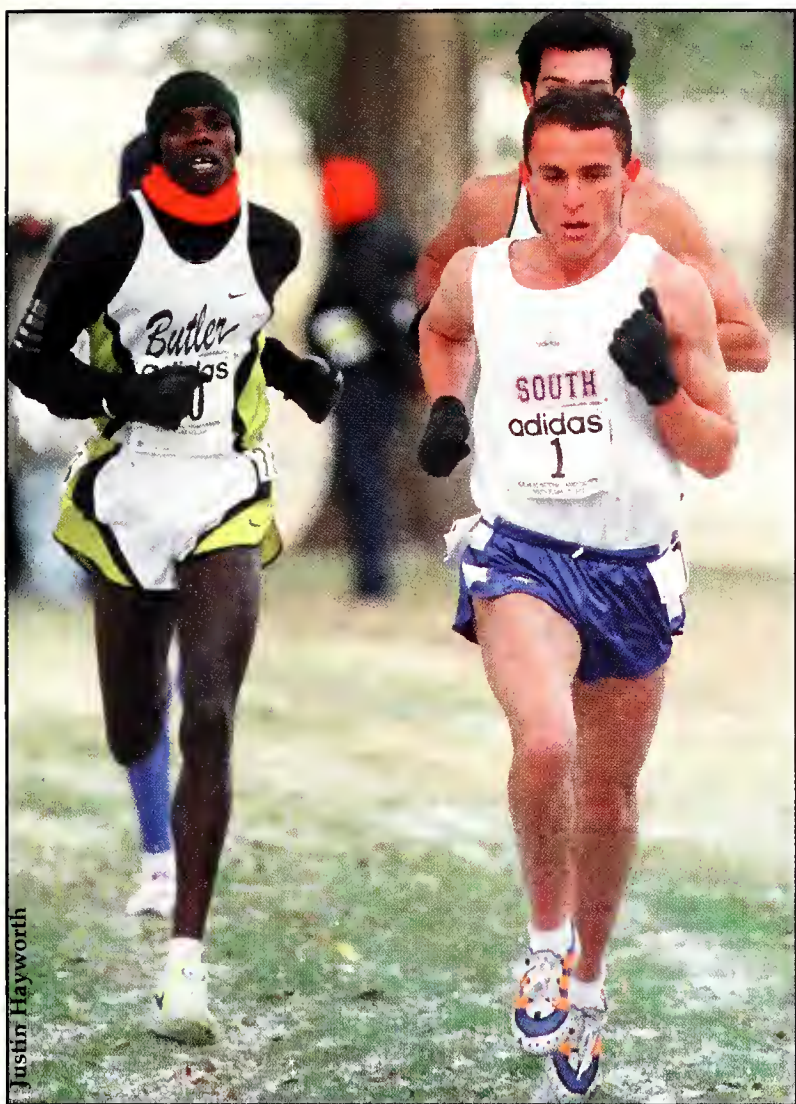
Candy Parks and Cecilia Armendariz look for runners to pass at the Isom Invitational.



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# Another top three finish for the Grizzlies



Noah Lagat runs with the lead pack after the third mile at the NJCAA National Cross Country Championships in Levelland, Texas. Lagat finished second in the race.

## By Amy Train

Cross country men enjoyed another successful year, capturing third in the national cross country meet to close out the season.

The Grizzlies stepped foot on their first competitive course in Tulsa for the Hurricane Festival. The men came out on top with first place against the NCAA's number one ranked Razorbacks from Arkansas.

Butler was the only college to beat Arkansas, a team with the possibility to take the NCAA championship.

The men lost Kenya freshman Elijah Kitur before Butler's first home meet. Kitur left to turn professional and make some money for his running talents.

Butler still ran for a first place finish in the Isom Invitational without Kitur, but they were set back in Levelland, Texas when the men

faced competition at the national level.

At regionals, Butler had secured a first place finish to move on to nationals.

Kenya sophomore Noah Lagat remained Butler's top runner throughout the season. He consistently finished first with only a few defeats in his path. He came in second by mere seconds at nationals. Lagat broke many records and maintained his own.

Butler finished second to only one team in their season. They lost to Michigan by only three points.

The weather made a turn for the worse as the Grizzlies headed to Texas in November for nationals. The men ran through snow, ice and 20-degree weather conditions.

One of the Butler runners from Kenya had never even seen snow before. But the Butler runners still managed to come away with third. Butler



Coaches Rick Neubauer, Deb Tornado and Fred Tornado watch and cheer as the Butler runners get close.





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had three runners place in the top six.

Lagat finished third, Wales sophomore Colin Jones, sixth, and England sophomore Danny McCormack, 10th. Eliud Kipkemei, Kenya freshman, was one of Butler's top runners, but fell ill at nationals and had a disappointing 53rd place finish.

The Grizzlies won nationals in 1995 and were runners-up last fall.

"There are a lot of teams who would love to be in our position," head coach Fred Torneden says.

"It is all relative. In the last two years in track and cross country, we have won one championship trophy, one runner-up trophy and three third place trophies. That, in

*Top photo, Paul Cross and Keith Wellman try to pull away from the runner behind them.*

*Bottom photo, Noah Lagat leads a pack of runners at the Isom Invitational in El Dorado. Lagat and the Grizzlies won the meet.*



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itself, is quite a feat."

"The hardest thing for me is to know that in September I had the five athletes to win this meet (nationals)," Torneden says. "You think of what might have been if our top freshman, Elijah, doesn't skip out in mid-season to race professionally or if Eliud doesn't wake up sick the morning of the race. It is the would haves, could haves and should haves that drive coaches crazy sometimes."



Keith Wellman is helped through the finishing chute at the end of the NJCAA National Cross Country Championships in Levelland, Texas. Butler finished third as a team.



Jerrod Hottman tries to hold off a Hutch runner at the finish of the Isom Invitational.



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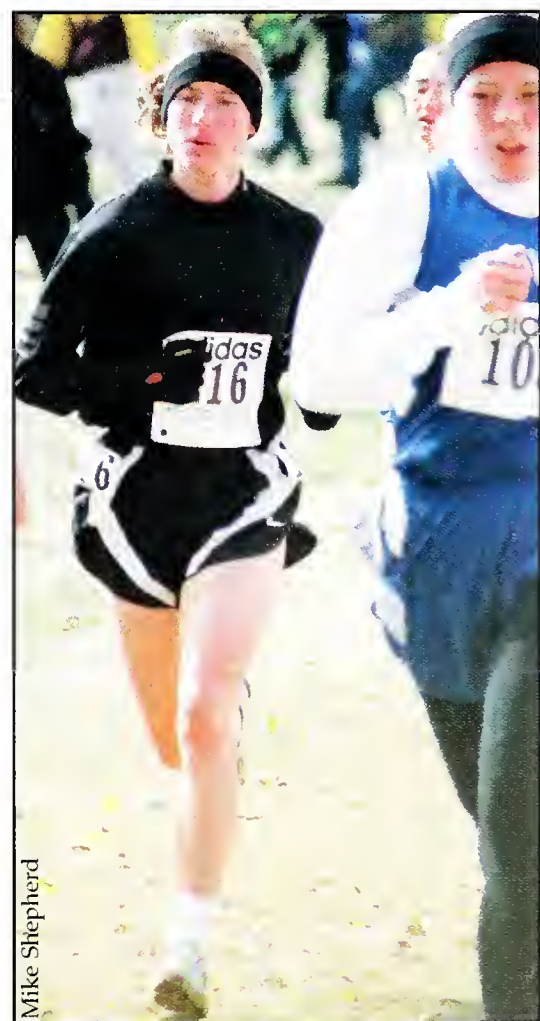
## By Amy Train

Oxford sophomore Kasey Sawyer accomplished a feat that the rest of the women's cross country team missed out on, running at nationals.

Sawyer finished 51st and beat her personal best time by 30 seconds, in 20:27 despite the snow and ice.

Sawyer has finished any where from 11th place in a home meet to 51st at nationals. She has remained one of Butler's top women runners since the first day of practice.

"Our coaching staff is so happy with how Kasey is improving with each competition," head coach Fred Torneden says.



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In the top photo, Kasey Sawyer sprints to the finish of her 3.1 mile race. In the bottom photo, Sawyer tries to move her way up in a pack of runners at the half way point in the race.





On the left, diving to dig the ball, Kim Heaton helps set up the offense.



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Above, Diantha Dewitt stretches to help ensure that she will block her opponent's shot during one of the Grizzlies home games.

# Can you dig it?

By Amy Train

Lady Grizzly volleyball came up just a little short in the 1997 season. The ladies came out with a 24-24-2 record. Expectations of a season turn-around from the 1996, 12-40, season became reality. The ladies struggled and ended the season with the loss of head coach Dave Slayton, who said he resigned so he could spend more time with his family.

The ladies headed to Hutchinson for their first competition and came out of the tournament with a third. They just barely missed, moving on to the championship round due to losses against the two teams that did advance. Butler came out 4-2 for the tournament.

The highlight of the ladies season was their first place victory in the Hesston tournament.

"It was the best we played all year," Slayton says. "The girls finally put it all together. I tried a new line-up and found set people. This made a little change. The girls got

hungry and wanted to win."

"We worked together more as a team, including players on and off the court," Augusta sophomore Jill Valkenaar says. "We actually had fun playing."

Slayton submitted his letter of resignation halfway through the season with the reason of needing more time to dedicate to family and work.

However, at the end of the season, Slayton told the whole story, that he was leaving the big happy Grizzly family because of complaints about how gender equity issues were handled by Butler's athletic department.

"My desire is to coach, but my need was to resign," Slayton says. "I feel like I have given it everything I've got, but only on a part-time basis. The girls have always gotten the short end of the stick."

Brian Hallmark, an assistant coach for Augusta High, will be stepping into Slayton's position next summer.

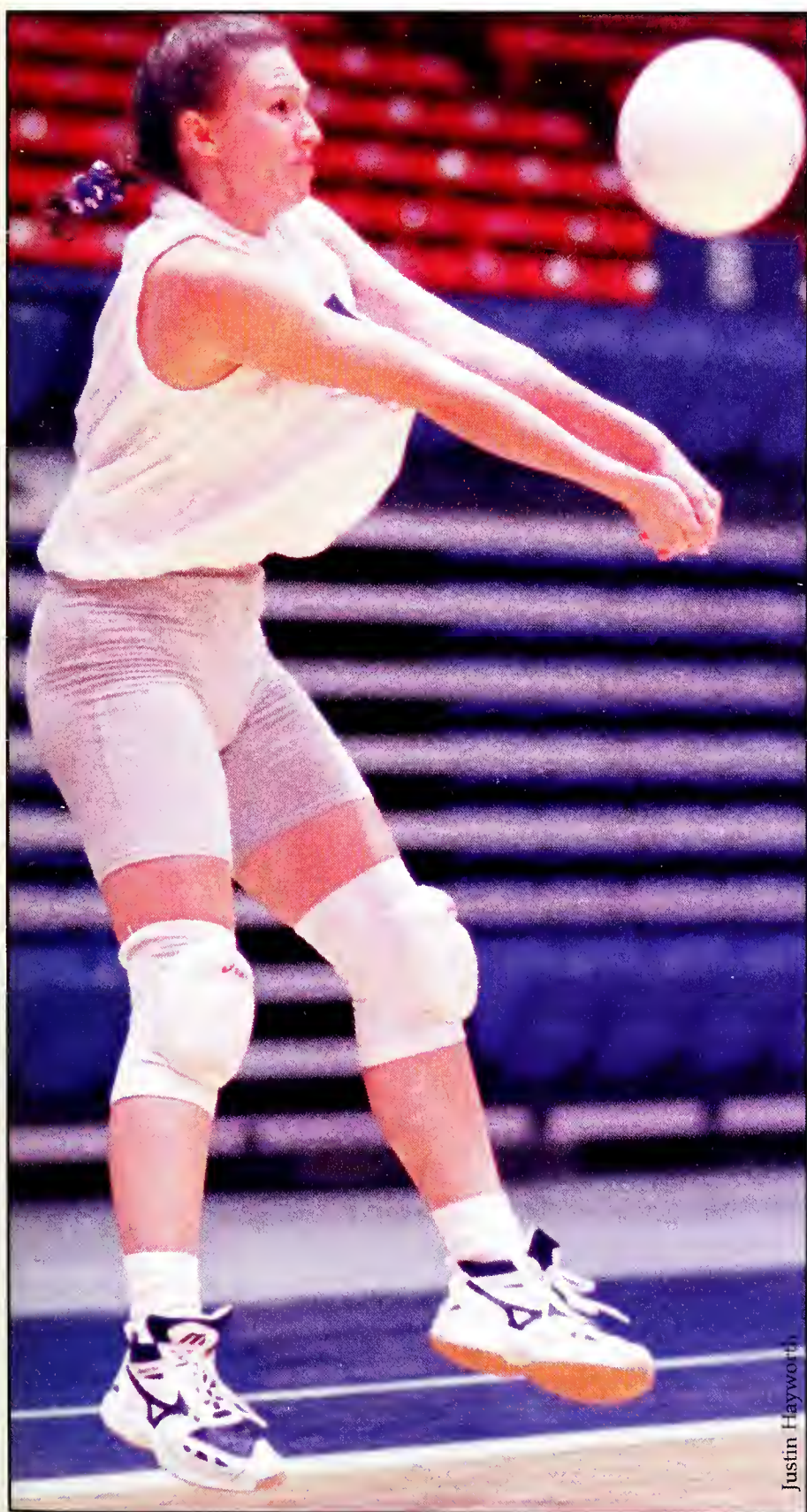




To the Left, Tricia Ball looks for the perfect spot to spike the ball.

To the right, Melanie Lawrenz spikes the ball in warm-ups before the Grizzlies game with the Hutch Blue Dragons.

Below, Misty Whiteside passes the ball to the front row.



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Corey Harris escapes the grip of an Independence defender while running for a first down in the Grizzlies first round playoff loss to the Pirates.



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Kaylon Price looks upfield for a hole to run through in the Grizzlies game against the Fort Scott Greyhounds.



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An Independence running back is wrapped up and tackled by a Grizzly defender in the first round of the Jayhawk Conference playoffs.

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# Football fortunes fall

Grizzly football had key losses in the second half of the season that cost the team the chance to move on past the first round of the conference playoffs. Butler football came out strong against No. 2-ranked Garden City and led the game in the first quarter 14-0. The second half became an entirely different story when the Broncbusters went on to beat the Grizzlies 56-32.

"It was disappointing to lose, but it was a different kind of disappointment than in the past," head coach James Shibest says. "The kids played darn hard."

Butler handed Highland a 30-13 loss in the fall homecoming game

despite rainy and cold conditions.

The Grizzlies went on to a huge victory with a shut out against Dodge City 24-0.

"Shut outs are hard to come by," Shibest says. "The team came ready to play, unlike a lot of times in the past. We knew it was an important game and played like it was."

Unfortunately, Butler suffered an important loss to the Independence Pirates in the first round of the Jayhawk Conference playoffs.

"It was obvious that one team came ready to play and the other didn't," Shibest says. "We missed an opportunity to come out and score 21 points

which might have helped in the outcome of the game."

Butler ended the season with a losing record of 4-5. The Grizzlies had a turn for the worse from its 7-4 victory and Valley of the Sun Bowl appearance last year.

Butler is looking forward to next year, new opportunities and a whole new season to make up for its losing record.

"We have a great freshman pool," Shibest says. "We are ready to focus on recruiting. Now, we just need to find those who know what football really means and build from there."

By Amy Train



